



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Ohio Department of Development

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Ohio Department of Development was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The State of Ohio (population 11,478,006) has an industrial history that has left it with thousands of brownfield sites along rivers and lakes and throughout small towns and large cities. The state continues to lag behind national averages for most economic performance indicators. Its poverty rate is nearly 10 percent. Twenty-one communities throughout Ohio are utilizing federal programs such as Empowerment Zones, Renewal Communities, and Weed and Seed strategies. Brownfields are symptomatic of the challenges faced by the state. For example, the City of Middletown has struggled financially with the decline of its manufactur-



Revolving Loan Fund Grant



\$1,500,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the ODOD will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances. The ODOD coalition partner is the Butler County Port Authority.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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ing sector. Estimates indicate that it has more than 247 acres of brownfields, land once used for steel manufacturing plants, paper and graphics operations, and machine shops. Cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields conducted through the RLF grant are expected to increase local tax bases and help create and retain jobs.